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\*Dominican Republic: (Information as of 4:30 AM EDT) Santo Domingo remains quiet as a number of influential Dominicans begin urging a middle-ground solution.

Although many middle and upper class people gravitate toward the Imbert regime as the better of two choices, it is increasingly evident that a number of responsible Dominicans are opposed to a government led either by Imbert or by anyone on the rebel side.

Respected businessmen and professionals from both Santo Domingo and Santiago have visited the US Embassy within the past two days urging a "non-political" solution. [REDACTED]

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The politically important Reformist Party of Joaquin Balaguer has backed away from its earlier position of tacit support for a compromise formula while remaining vehemently opposed to Imbert. A high-ranking party leader yesterday expressed strong preference for an apolitical middle-ground regime that would call for the earliest possible elections under the auspices of the Organization of American States. The party believes that former President Balaguer would now win in an honest election. Balaguer's party is, in fact, the only Dominican political party with a strength rivaling that of Juan Bosch's Dominican Revolutionary Party.

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Meanwhile, the contending factions in the divided capital retain their intransigent positions and both the Imbert and rebel camps continue to publicly denounce outside interference in Dominican affairs.

The commander of the Inter-American Armed Force, Brazilian General Hugo Panasco Alvim, is scheduled to arrive in Santo Domingo today. It is expected that the Paraguayan Government will announce soon its decision to send a contingent of about 173 troops.

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[redacted]

Bolivia: Government attention is returning to the mining region now that urban areas are calm. The junta has renewed its military drive to take and secure the tin mines not yet under government control. It is expected that military operations will resume this week. Junta co-president Barrientos appears to have achieved a temporary political respite by his appointment of General Ovando as junta co-president. [redacted]

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Arab States - Israel: [Israel's retaliatory raids into Jordan on the night of 27-28 May probably will sharpen differences among the neighboring Arab states on dealing with Israel.]

[Israel's attacks against three alleged terrorist bases in Jordan were reprisals for two incidents of sabotage in Israeli border settlements earlier this week. These bombings almost certainly were the work of the terrorist organizations called "Fatih."]

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[The Israelis normally retaliate for Arab attacks only when Israelis have been killed, which did not happen this week. Prime Minister Eshkol may have taken such a tough position in order to avoid any charges of softness from former prime minister Ben-Gurion who is challenging his leadership.]

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UK-NATO: [Britain apparently plans to raise questions at the 31 May meeting of defense ministers in Paris that will pose the issue of revising NATO strategy.]

[Defense Minister Healey told US Embassy officials in London that he will advocate a shift in emphasis from preparing for an all-out land war in Europe to deterring or dealing with border and other local incidents. This revision apparently would be aimed at Britain's often expressed goal of raising the threshold of nuclear escalation in Europe and reducing the number of troops required there.]

[Healey, who said he considers it highly undesirable to have a "theological debate" on strategy during the meeting, apparently thinks he can present Britain's views without precipitating such a debate. At least the French, however, almost certainly would feel it necessary to advance their views once the subject was opened.]

[Healey discussed giving greater authority to SACEUR in the control, deployment, and use of nuclear weapons but did not indicate that he would raise this subject at the meeting. In order to meet German concern, he now thinks SACEUR should have a strategic nuclear delivery system under his control.]

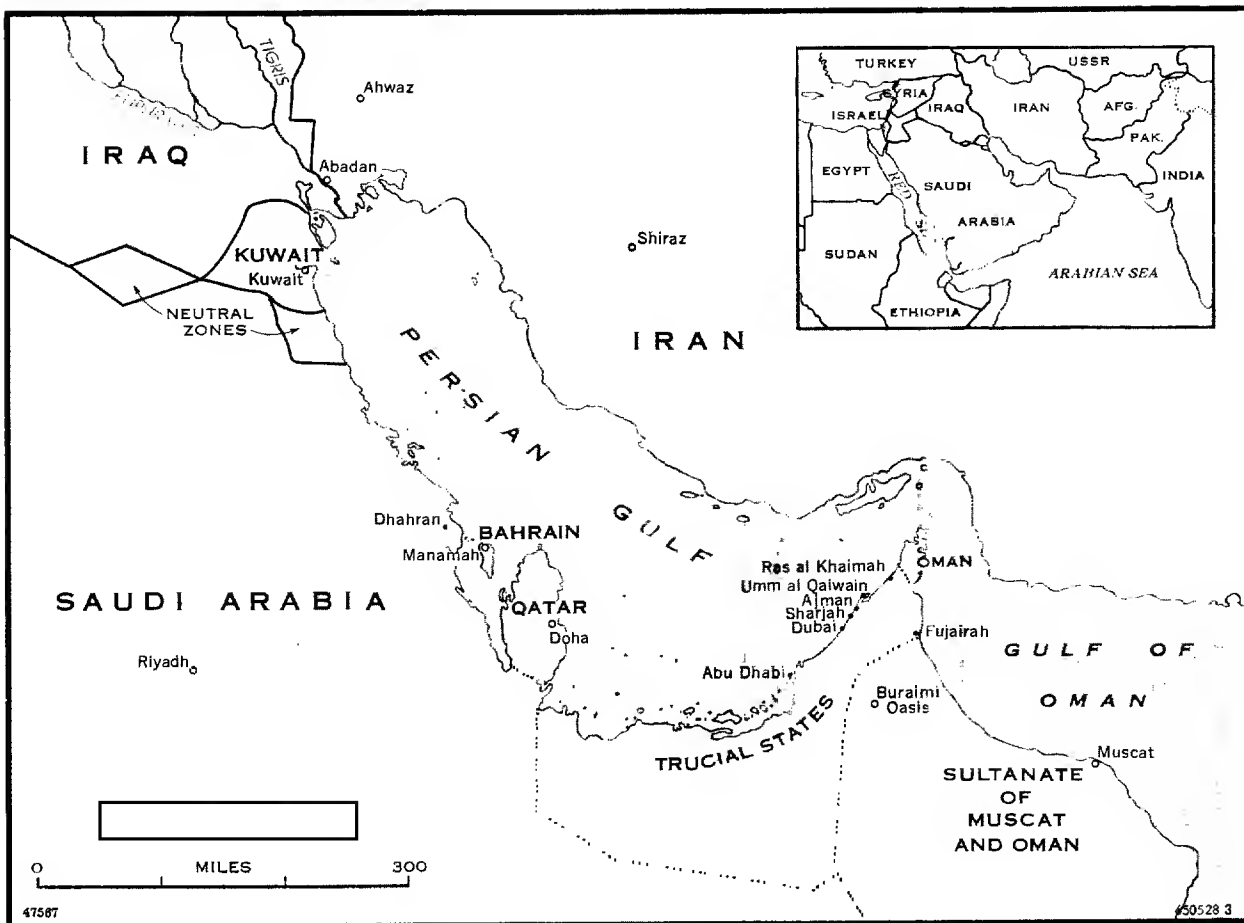
[This system, Healey believes, should be the Atlantic Nuclear Force proposed by Britain last December and still being considered by a working group. If this opinion is shared by his government, it signifies a reversal of Britain's opposition to committing such a force to SACEUR, and a concession to German desires on the subject. Healey stated that he believed the force under SACEUR control should include a US contribution, preferably Polaris submarines.]

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## PERSIAN GULF AREA



NOTES

UK - Trucial States: [In attempting to forestall extension of Egyptian influence in the Persian Gulf, Britain is offering the Trucial States Development Fund \$2.8 million, in addition to the \$680,000 already budgeted. London probably will insist that two of the states, Sharjah and Ras al-Khayma, first retract their invitations to the Arab League to set up local offices. The British say that Saudi Arabia is also willing to contribute \$2.8 million to the fund if Arab League offices are barred from the Trucial States. The protectorates may nevertheless stand firm in the hope of obtaining more aid from the Arab League in the long run.]

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